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Detailed Actions

1. Preliminary amendment received on 09/08/2003 has been entered.

The Specification has been amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hendrix (6,044,519). Hendrix disclosed a Portable Electric Tool Vacuum Cleaner Control, wherein a circuit comprises a power control element (Fig. 2, Pos. Q1) connected in series to a series circuit of a load (M) and an alternating power supply (9), and a snubber circuit comprising a series circuit of a resistor (R1) and a capacitor (C) connected in parallel to the power control element. A suppressing means (switch 23) is suppressing current flowing through the snubber circuit when load control is stopped (three position switch 23 is moved to the OFF position).

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Referring to Claim 2, the suppressing means is a switch connected to the snubber in series.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 3. Claims 9-17 are allowed.
- 4. Claims 3-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- 5. Independent Claim 9 is allowable because none of the prior art of record disclose a load control device with a power control element and snubber circuit wherein a current flowing through the snubber is suppressed after an end of predetermined delay time which begins when the power control element shifts from an ON state to an OFF state in combination with the other claim limitations.
- 6. Claims 10-17 are dependent on allowable Claim 9 and therefore allowable.

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Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Boris Benenson whose telephone number is (571) 272-2048. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:20-6:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 36. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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